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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, NZ

SUBJECT: AFL-CIO CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT OF

J. P. STEVENS

1. NEW ZEALAND PRESS AND TELEVISION CARRIED STORY  
SEPTEMBER 5 THAT TWO NEW ZEALAND TRADE UNION REPRESENTA-  
TIVES HAVE PLEDGED SUPPORT OF NEW ZEALAND LABOR MOVEMENT  
FOR INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT OF J. P. STEVENS TEXTILE  
PRODUCTS. REPORT SAYS THAT FRANK THORN OF NEW ZEALAND  
CLOTHING TRADES UNION AND LUTHER ARMITAGE OF WOOLEN  
WORKERS UNION JOINED TRADE UNIONISTS FROM CANADA, MEXICO,  
JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND FRANCE SEPTEMBER 3 IN SIGNING PLEDGE  
FOR AFL-CIO-ORGANIZED INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT OF STEVENS  
PRODUCTS. AGREEMENT APPARENTLY PLEDGES NEW ZEALAND TRADE  
UNION COOPERATION IN EFFORTS TO BLOCK IMPORTATION OF  
J. P. STEVENS PRODUCTS INTO NEW ZEALAND (OR ANY OTHER  
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NATIONS WHERE STEVENS PRODUCTS ARE WORKED AND SOLD).

2. AMCONGEN AUCKLAND WAS ADVISED TODAY BY LOCAL AGENT  
FOR J. P. STEVENS (GARTH LEDGARD LTD.) THAT ONE TEXTILE  
CLIENT IS ALREADY SHYING FROM STEVENS PRODUCTS BECAUSE  
OF THREAT THAT ORDERED GOODS WILL BE "BLACKED" BY UNIONS  
AND THUS NOT DELIVERABLE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP DEPARTMENT'S ANALYSIS OF AFL-CIO-SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON J. P. STEVENS, INCLUDING THE PLEDGE AND OTHER RESULTS. DEPARTMENT'S GUESS AS TO PRACTICAL IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT ACTION ON J.P. STEVENS COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN NEW ZEALAND AND ON NEW ZEALAND LABOR WOULD ALSO BE WELCOMED. SELDEN

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